

They Are Waiting

Matthew 9:37 & 38/John 4:35

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“All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in. An angel guided Philip to the one who was seeking for light and who was ready to receive the gospel, and **today angels will guide the footsteps of those workers who will allow the Holy Spirit to sanctify their tongues and refine and ennoble their hearts.**” *Acts of Apostles*, p. 109

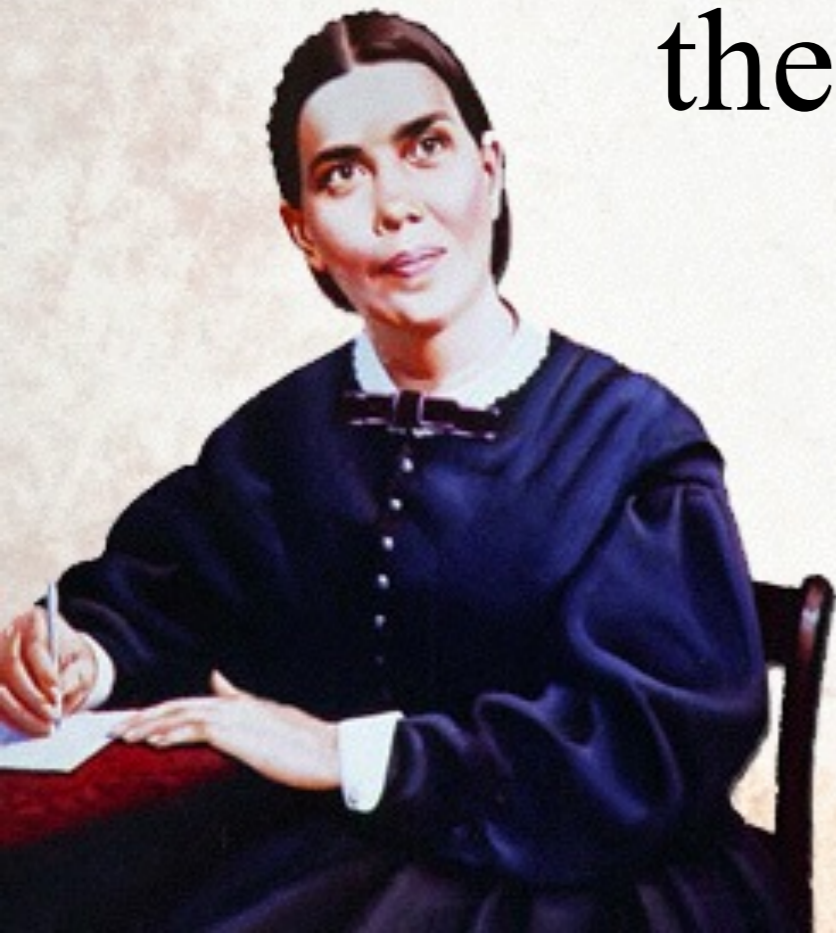


Where Do We Begin Looking?

1st Timothy 5:8/John 1:11

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The circle of family and neighborhood duties is the very first field of effort for those who would work for the uplifting of their fellow men. {MH 350.2}



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And they were astonished at his doctrine: for **his word was with power**. {Luke 4:32}

For he taught them as one **having authority**, and not as the scribes. {Matthew 7:29}

The officers answered, **Never man spake like this man**. {John 7:46}

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The officers who were sent to Jesus came back with the report that never man spoke as He spoke. But the reason for this was that never man lived as He lived. Had His life been other than it was, He could not have spoken as He did. His words bore with them a convincing power, because they came from a heart pure and holy, full of love and sympathy, benevolence and truth. {AG 276.5}



Principles on Giving

Bible Studies



Stephen N. Haskell

Became Sabbath keeping Adventist @20 (c. 1853)

After several years as self-supporting ministry in New England he became ordained @37 (c. 1870)

Instrumental in Gospel Ministry and Educational and Literature Work

Major administrator

In May 1883, S. N. Haskell, the founder of the Tract and Missionary Societies, was preaching at a camp meeting in southern California, when suddenly a severe storm arose. The thunder was so loud the people could no longer hear him. At that moment Haskell had an idea. Leaving the platform, he walked out into the middle of the tent and gathered the crowd around him. Rather than resume his preaching, he gave out texts of scripture to be read by different persons as he asked questions. In this way the first question and answer Bible study was created. When Ellen White, who was also at the camp meeting, learned of what Haskell had done, she told him that she had seen in vision hundreds of church members visiting families and giving Bible studies in this very way. She later wrote –

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“The plan of holding Bible-readings was a heaven-born idea. There are many, both men and women, who can engage in this branch of missionary labor. Workers may thus be developed who will become mighty men of God. By this means the word of God has been given to thousands; and the workers are brought into personal contact with people of all nations and tongues.” *Gospel Workers*, p. 192

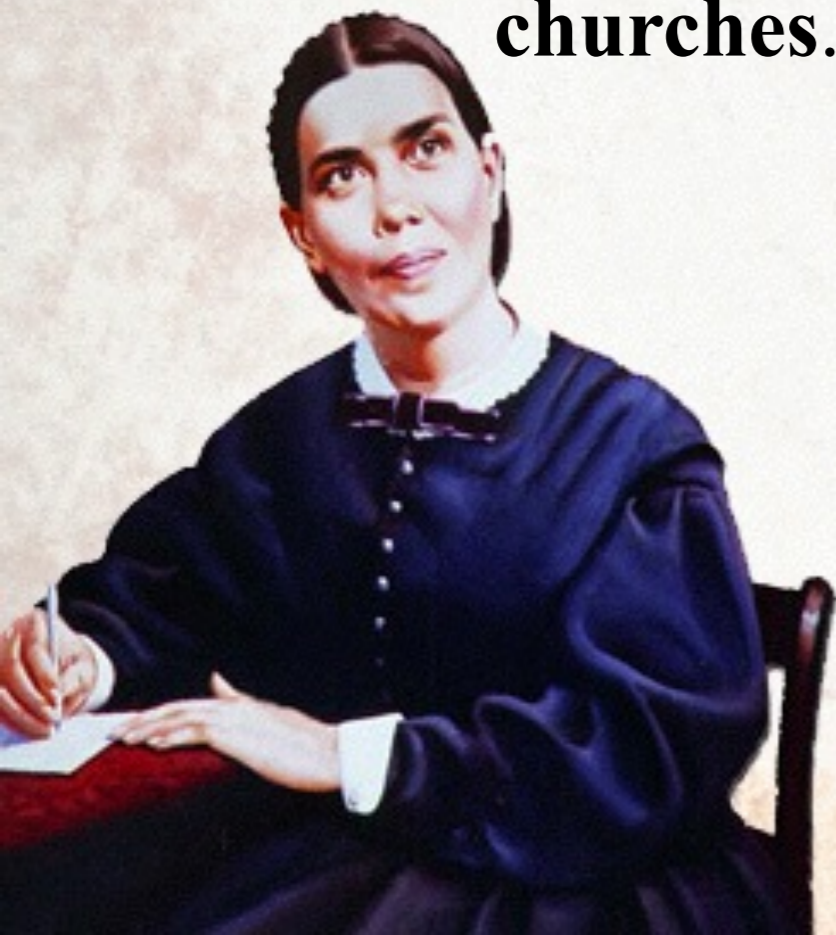


The “Best” Location for Bible Studies

Acts 20:20

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“To all who are working with Christ I would say, Wherever you can gain access to the people **by the fireside**, improve your opportunity. Take your Bible, and open before them its great truths ... The presentation of Christ in the family, by the fireside, and in **small gatherings in private houses**, is often **more successful** in winning souls to Jesus than are sermons delivered in the **open air**, to the moving throng, or even in **halls** or **churches**.” *Gospel Workers*, p. 193



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“There are families who will never be reached by the truth of God’s Word unless His servants enter their homes, and by earnest ministry, sanctified by the endorsement of the Holy Spirit, break down the barriers. As the people see that these workers are **messengers of mercy**, the **ministers of grace**, they are ready to listen to the words spoken by them.” *Evangelism*, p. 435



What will Give us True Success in Bible Studies

Matthew 9:36/Proverbs 18:24

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“Your success will not depend so much upon your knowledge and accomplishments, as upon your ability to find your way to the heart. By being **social and coming close to the people**, you may turn the current of their thoughts more readily than by the most able discourse.” Gospel Workers, p. 193

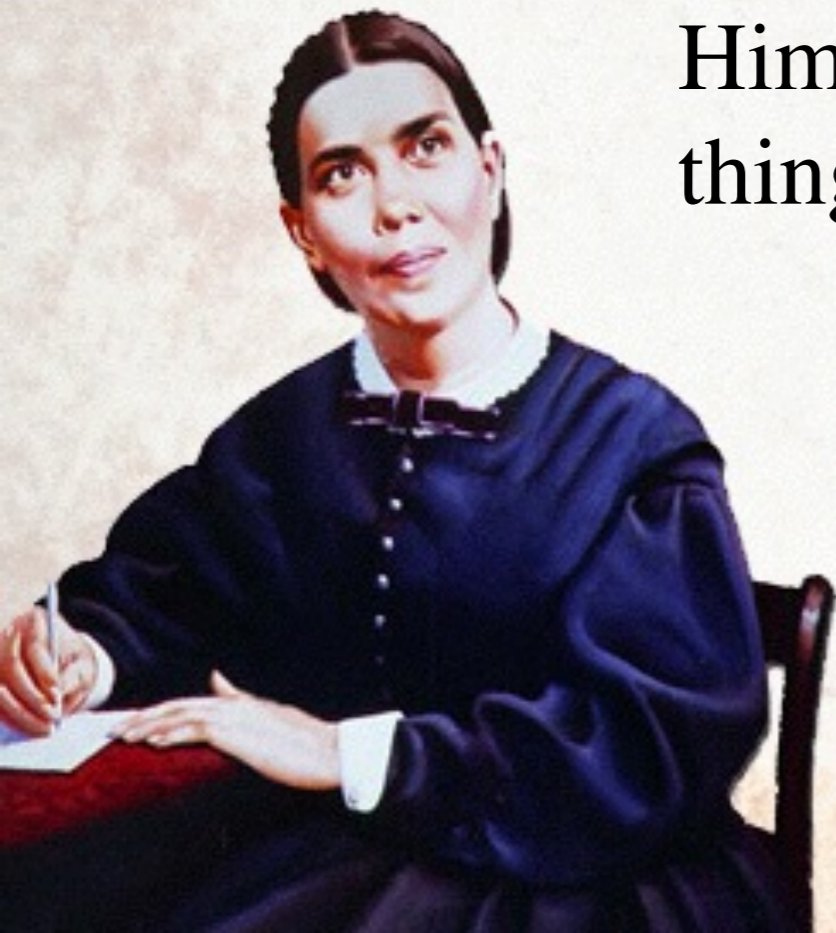


What if I don't Feel
Adequate?

John 4:28 & 29

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“It is not the capabilities you now possess or **ever will have** that will give you success. It is that which the Lord can do for you. **We need to have far less confidence in what man can do and far more confidence in what God can do for every believing soul.** He longs to have you reach after Him by faith. He longs to have you expect great things from Him.” Christ’s Object Lessons, p. 146



Personal Contact List

Name	Address	Email Address	Phone #
Immediate Family Members - (Husband, Wife, Mother Father, Brothers and Sisters, Grandparents)			
Extended Family - Aunts, Uncles, Neices, Nephews, Cousins, Church Brethren etc.			
Neighbors, and those in Immediate Community			
Friends, Co-Workers, and Associates			
Strangers and Enemies			

The Goal



Set aside one day a week for personal study with someone who does not know the Three Angels Messages.

The Study will only last one hour.

Basics Rules in the Study

- **Begin with a pleasant, informal visit of 5 minutes or so.** This is a great time to catch up on their week and just connect. You want to do your socialization at the beginning of the visit rather than at the end.
- **Begin the study with prayer.** Maybe take a prayer request. Ask the Holy Spirit to be the teacher and guide in your study.
- **Introduce the topic for that study.** Briefly explain why this topic is important to study.
- **During the study allow your friend to take part as much as he/she likes by:**
 - Responding to your questions, Looking up and reading texts if they are comfortable, Asking questions
- **At the end of the study ask questions that are “clear and pointed” so your friend can make sure he/she understood the subject.**
- **Conclude the study by making a short appeal.**
- **Close with a prayer that incorporates their decision.**
- **Give your friend their next lesson guide to study during the coming week or some Bible passage to read.**
- **Confirm the day and time of your appointment for the following week.**
- **Wish your friend a great week and leave**

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“At the close of every meeting, **decisions should be called for.**” *Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 65, 65.*

“In every discourse **fervent appeals** should be made to the people to **forsake their sins and turn to Christ.**” *Testimonies, vol. 4, p. 396.*



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“It is the work of the Holy Spirit to convince the soul of its need of Christ. Many are convicted of sin, and feel their need of a sin-pardoning Saviour; but they are merely dissatisfied with their pursuits and aims, and if there is not a decided application of the truth to their hearts, if words are not spoken at the right moment, calling for decision from the weight of evidence already presented, the convicted ones pass on without identifying themselves with Christ, **the golden opportunity passes**, and they have not yielded, and they go farther and farther away from the truth, farther away from Jesus and **never take their stand on the Lord’s side**.” *Evangelism*, p. 283.



The Gospel-Medical Missionary Evangelistic Cycle

